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Westland awards $280,000 in business grants

More than 45 Westland businesses will be awarded a total of $280,000 in grants under the Westland CARES Small Business Relief Program. The average grant award totaled $5,000. Funds will be dispersed in the upcoming weeks upon execution of grant agreements between the City of Westland and the grantees. A list of businesses who receive funds will be available upon completion of the agreements. There is no obligation for businesses to repay funds unless information provided through the application process is deemed to be fraudulent.

> *"No qualifying businesses were denied funds through the program and it will allow us to retain over 375 jobs.*

The program, which launched on June 3, was designed to minimize and avoid job loss caused by business closures related to COVID-19 and social distancing, according to city officials. The goal was to provide short-term working capital assistance (grants) to small businesses to enable retention of jobs held by low and moderate income persons. Funding was provided through special CDBG-CV funding authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, they said.

Under Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines, eligible applicants had to show a loss in revenue as a result of COVID-19 and that at least 50 percent of their employees were of low/moderate income. The program was administered through the City of Westland Economic Development Department where the initial intake and processing of applications was completed. Each applicant was given a score based on their ability to demonstrate qualifying criteria. Final grant decisions were then decided by a secondary review team.

"Our small businesses are facing drastic reductions in cash flow while attempting to navigate extremely difficult operating conditions," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "No qualifying businesses were denied funds through the program and it will allow us to retain over 375 jobs right here in our community."

Small Business grant recipients represent diverse segments of the economy including retail, dining, construction/maintenance, landscaping, health and fitness, barber shops/salons, entertainment, education and other professional services, he added.

Westland also used CARES Act funding to set up a rent/mortgage relief program and a program to help small businesses and residents secure Personal Protection Equipment. More information on these programs can be found on www.cityofwestland.com.

Former fire chief mourned

After a private service last Thursday for former Plymouth Township Fire Chief Larry Groth, the funeral procession passes by Township Fire Station 1 on Haggerty Road. A restored 1936 Seagrave Safety Sedan fire wagon owned by the Detroit Fire Department led the procession. The antique vehicle reserved for fallen firefighter comrades and other dignitaries was retired in 1967 and later converted for use as a hearse.

Former Plymouth Township Fire Chief Larry F. Groth, Sr. was conveyed to his final resting place in Mount Hope Memorial Gardens last week in a 1936 fire wagon reserved for fire department dignitaries.

Chief Groth, 78, died on June 27, 2020. He moved to Plymouth with his family in 1950 and graduated from Plymouth High School in 1960 and immediately joined the City of Plymouth Fire Department. In 1965, he joined the Plymouth Township Fire Department where he was steadily promoted, becoming chief in 1979. He served as Plymouth Township Fire Chief until his retirement in 2003.

According to his family, Chief Groth loved his career as a firefighter. They agreed that he "lived and breathed the career he loved for over 40 years." In his official obituary, his family noted that Chief Groth "was a hero, he was courageous and he was a mentor to so many. It takes a special kind of person to become a firefighter. Whether Larry had to run through a burning building, cut a driver out of a vehicle at an accident scene, or teach children about fire safety, he knew that his job was not about the glory, but more about how many lives you can change."

Chief Groth was born in South Lyon, the son of Charles and Donna (née Sayre) Groth. He was the beloved and devoted husband of 38 years to Sandra; loving father of Larry (Kristi) Groth, Jr., Stephanie (Louis) Carney, and Timothy Groth; proud grandfather of Alyssa Groth, Ryan Groth, Tyler Groth, Jacob Carney, Emily Carney, Lilly Carney, and Alissa (Scott) Carruth; great-grandfather of Brayden and Skyler. He is also survived by his brothers, Richard Groth and Paul (Linda) Groth, his sisters-in-law, Brenda (James) Dingman, Darla (Kevin) LaForge , Glenda Halstead and the late Lisa Bear. He is also survived by his brother-in-law Mark Bear and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service for family members took place last week preceding the procession to Mount Hope Memorial Gardens led by the restored 1936 Seagrave Safety Sedan fire wagon owned by the Detroit Fire Department. The antique vehicle reserved for fallen firefighter comrades and other dignitaries was retired in 1967 and later converted for use as a hearse.

Final arrangements were entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth

Those who wish to honor Chief Groth's memory are invited to consider a contribution that will allow his family to create a Larry F Groth Scholarship Fund for future firefighters at the Schoolcraft College Fire Academy.

Fire Chief Larry Groth

League of Women Voters is offering election information

The League of Women Voters of Dearborn-Dearborn Heights is urging voters to prepare for the upcoming Aug. 4 primary election and the Nov. 3 general election by visiting VOTE411.org.

The website, which the national League of Women Voters launched in 2006, serves as a "one-stop-shop" for nonpartisan election related information and responses to relevant questions for federal and state races and ballot proposals.

Candidate information for some local races and proposals are also included. VOTE411.org also assists voters in finding their polling places, hours and learning about candidate forums. Additional resources for how to navigate elections during the COVID-19 pandemic is also included.

> *VOTE411.org, like the League, is nonpartisan and offers information on candidates in races for all political parties.*

"VOTE 411 is a great way to educate yourself about the candidates and races on your ballot! It's useful whether you choose to vote absentee or in person.

"You can also use the links on VOTE411 to check your voter registration and absentee ballot status, or to find your polling place. We hope that citizens in our communities and throughout Wayne County will take advantage of this resource and the opportunity to vote," a League of Women Voters spokesperson said.

VOTE411.org is also available in Spanish.

The LWV of Michigan hopes to publish paper voter guides covering statewide offices in September.

VOTE411.org, like the League, is nonpartisan and offers information on candidates in races for all political parties. The site aims to safeguard democracy by driving voter engagement.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that aims to encourage informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Learn more about the Dearborn-Dearborn Heights league at www.lwvddh.org.

Northville

Work set to begin at Fish Hatchery Park in Northville

Work is expected to begin within the next few weeks on the rebuilding of the Johnson Creek riverbank and pond at Fish Hatchery Park in Northville.

The work has been in planning stages for several years and is an effort to improve the park area and the Rouge watershed, officials said.

Anglin Civil, LLC, of Livonia, was awarded a contract in the amount of $963,090 to perform the earth-moving and restoration work. The project will bring to life a design created last year by Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc. (ECT) of Ann Arbor, with engineering support from Soil Materials and Engineers (SME). SME designed the wall replacement that keeps the pond separate from the creek.

The Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC) secured a $3 million grant from the EPA to fund this project and a larger project at another location outside of Northville. ARC has contracted with ECT to manage construction administration of the project, which is expected to be completed by early fall. ECT often works with ARC on water-based, environmental projects in the Rouge water shed.

Officials from both the city and township of Northville entered into an interagency agreement with ARC to provide quality assurance for the project and, if costs go over the allotted amount and can't be adjusted or recouped, the agreement calls for the city and township to split the cost of those over-runs.

Northville Parks and Recreation Director Mark Gasche has shepherded this project through the multi-phase improvements since he joined the department in the summer of 2016. Several years ago, the concrete wall that separated the pond from the creek had to be rebuilt because it was cracked and there was a risk of the pond draining into the creek, which would have been an environment hazard and costly to repair, he explained. The work being done this summer now will replace the wall with a natural earthen berm held in place by sheet metal pilings driven into the ground.

The strip of land shows the close proximity of the pond to Johnson Creek. File photo by Liz Cezat.

The park will have more inviting green space as the full length of Johnson Creek is revealed. The earthen berm will serve the same function as the wall, keeping the creek separate from the pond. The bank will have tiered levels, landscaped with native plants with openings along the way so park visitors can go to the creek's edge.

"You can't see the creek right now because it's covered by brush and overgrowth," said Gasche. "It will be completely opened up. There will be small trees planted and native plants that line the bank on the park side."

> *The park has historical significance as one of the largest fish hatcheries in the U.S. and is one of the few cold-water creeks in southeast Michigan.*

Fish Hatchery Park will remain open during construction with limited access to some areas. The ball fields won't be in use this summer or fall, and the pavilion will be open but not available for rent. The tennis courts will be open and Parks and Recreation staff will also offer tennis lessons there. Walking area in the park may be reduced due to material staging areas and heavy equipment, and signs will alert visitors of what's closed and when to use caution, according to a city spokesman.. Eventually, Parks and Recreation plans to improve the trail, which can be accessed by a pedestrian bridge. At that time, some of the dead, fallen trees will be removed from the nearby woods to clear the trail.

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ARC is dedicated to maintaining water quality around the Rouge River as a nonprofit organization comprising 35 cities, towns and villages in the Rouge watershed as well as Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties, and several non-government organizations. Formed in 2003, ARC takes a leading role to meet water quality permit requirements and restore beneficial uses of the Rouge River, which feeds into the Detroit River, where local drinking water is drawn, according to Northville officials.

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INKSTER

Happy Fourth of July

Inkster veteran's military service rewarded with new roof

Lloyd G. Lockett, a U.S. Army veteran, had a very special Fourth of July last week.

Inkster Mayor Patrick Wimberly and representatives from Habitat for Humanity visited his Sylvia Street home to help him celebrate a brand new roof being installed as part of the Owens Corning Roof Deployment Project. Owens Corning donated the roofing material which was installed by Tittle Brothers Construction, a local family owned business which donated the labor for the installation.

Through a partnership with Habitat for Humanity Western Wayne County, Lockett was selected and approved as the recipient for the roof replacement based on his military service.

The Owens Corning Roof Deployment Project is a nationwide effort to show gratitude and honor the veterans who served our country and the families who support them. Since the inception of this program in 2016, more than 200 military members have received new roofs.

Workers began the job at 8 a.m. and completed the work the same day, just in time for Lockett and his family to celebrate the Fourth of July.

Inkster sailor completes 7-month carrier deployment

A 2011 Inkster High School graduate returned home June 16, marking the end of a seven-month deployment aboard USS Harry S. Truman. Since departing its homeport of Norfolk, VA in November 2019, the aircraft carrier sailed in the Arabian Gulf, Red Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic Ocean.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Lorenzo H. Bonner is a personnel specialist aboard the carrier. As a personnel specialist, Bonner is responsible for supporting overall command readiness.

"My job on many occasions consist of emergency travel," said Bonner. "Whether a member is injured or a loved one is hurt or worst case, passes away, I love the fact that I know the job well enough to confidently accomplish my job to get my fellow sailors back home."

Following a scheduled return from deployment in March, after operating in the U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet areas of operations, Truman remained underway in the Western Atlantic as a certified and ready carrier force ready for tasking. As the COVID-19 pandemic spread across the globe, the Truman continued to conduct operations underway, minimizing the potential spread of the virus aboard the ships, in order to maintain maritime stability and security and ensure access, deter aggression and defend U.S., allied and partner interests.

Truman sailed more than 56,000 nautical miles, deploying dynamically to support dual-carrier operations, air defense exercises, anti-submarine warfare exercises, and interoperability with joint services and with allies and partners. The ship also completed multiple strait and choke point transits, to include the Strait of Gibraltar, the Suez Canal and the Bab-el Mandeb Strait, while operating under three Combatant Commanders - U.S. Northern Command (NORTHCOM), U.S. European Command (EUCOM), and U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM).

"Ive been on many deployments since I arrived to Norfolk and checked onboard the Harry S. Truman, and through all of them, I can say I'm proud just to have served with my fellow sailors to protect our home," said Bonner.

Truman demonstrated the Navy's continuing regional commitment to EUCOM and

"I'm so very proud of all our sailors," said Capt. Kavon Hakimzadeh, commanding officer of Truman, "Their resilience, perseverance, and utter dedication to mission has been nothing short of exemplary. It has been my greatest honor to serve as Truman's commanding officer this deployment!"

According to Navy officials, maintaining maritime superiority is a vital part of a Navy that is present today and prepared for tomorrow. The impact affects Americans and their interests around the world, as more than 70 percent of the Earth is covered by water and 90 percent of all trade travels by sea.

The foundation of the Navy the nation needs includes a focus on warfighting, warfighters and the future of the fighting force.

> *"Whether a member is injured or a loved one is hurt or worst case, passes away, I love the fact that I know the job well enough to confidently accomplish my job to get my fellow sailors back home."*

Sailors' jobs are highly varied aboard Truman. More than 6,000 men and women serve aboard the ship during deployment keeping all parts of the ship running smoothly. Each crewmember performs a number of tasks outside of their traditional job or rating.

"The training department is very important for many reasons," said Bonner. "First, command readiness. Part of being command ready means all sailors need Government Travel Cards for if something goes wrong with loved ones or for personal reasons. Also, to give sailors the opportunity to attend schools to support the ship's mission."

"My role in Training Department is titled as a Defense Travel System Agent (DTS)," added Bonner. "I handle the processing of members temporary additional duty orders, emergency travel and entitlements for the members that have to travel. I am also one of the Agency Program Coordinators for the command, dealing with government travel card applications and accounts."

Throughout the deployment, Truman performed numerous training exercises to develop tactical competencies. From carrier strike force operations as the flagship of the Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group, to exercises with partner navies and forces, the ship developed key skillsets to maintain readiness and interoperability. While conducting stability operations in the CENTCOM area of responsibility, the strike group was called upon during an international crisis to assert American commitment to the region and act as a primary de-escalatory catalyst.

As a member of the U.S. Navy, Bonner, as well as other sailors, know they are a part of a service tradition providing unforgettable experiences through leadership development, world affairs and humanitarian assistance. Their efforts will have a lasting effect around the globe and for generations of sailors who will follow.

"I joined the Navy simply to create a better future for myself and my family," added Bonner.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST
August 4, 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Public Accuracy Test for the August 4, 2020 Primary Election is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.** in the lobby of Township Hall, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the Election count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

The public is welcome and invited to attend.

Marjorie F. Banner
Clerk

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Notice of Public Hearing
Charter Township of Canton
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
Program Year (PY) 2020 Action Plan

The Charter Township of Canton is developing its **Annual Action Plan** for **Program Year (PY) 2020 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021** for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds at $365,820

The Finance Department encourages all parties to participate at a VIRTUAL ZOOM PUBLIC HEARING on **Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at 1:00 P.M. on the township website at www.canton-mi.org.** Otherwise all communications should be addressed in writing to the Financial Analyst, Canton Township- Finance Department, Mike Sheppard, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan, 48188.

Canton will provide technical assistance to citizens and groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in developing funding request proposals and in the review of program activities and program performance. In addition, Canton will make adequate provisions to assist non-English speaking residents in interpreting program opportunities and provisions on a case-by-case basis, as well as provide auxiliary aides and services for individuals with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations must contact Mike Sheppard at **(734) 394-5225**, e-mail mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org or in writing to the Finance Department, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton MI 48188 **ATTN: Annual Action Plan Hearing.** Requests for special accommodations must be made with reasonable advance notice.

Mike Sheppard
Financial Analyst
Finance Department

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY
July 28, 2020 - 7:00 PM

The Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, July 28, 2020. The meeting and public hearing will be held by electronic remote access. The planning commission will consider a PUD Amendment #4 at Mill Ridge at the corner of 6 Mile and Ridge Rd., to convert last duplex to two detached units.

The public is invited to participate in this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. For information on how to participate in the meeting and view the documents for the public hearing, please visit the township's website at https://twp.northville.mi.us/. Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Tim Zawodny, Chair
Planning Commission

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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Wayne - Westland

On the job

Police chief retires, signs contract to remain with city

Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik has announced his retirement but he isn't going anywhere soon and will continue to serve the community.

In an employment strategy that is expected to save the city about $280,000 during the 5-year contract Jedrusik signed with the city, he will retire and collect some of the benefits he has accrued during his 25 years with the Westland Police Department while continuing to work as the police chief under the terms of the new employment contract.

Jedrusik will exercise his options under the deferred retirement option plan, or DROP, and take his health, dental, life and vision benefits along with sick and vacation pay from his pension while his salary will continue to come through the police department.

Jedrusik has been eligible for full-retirement since January, according to city officials, but Mayor William R. Wild says the city needs the level of experience and management Jedrusik has employed during his 8 years as police chief.

> *Jedrusik will exercise his options under the deferred retirement option plan, or DROP.*

Another moving inducement to the new plan is the lack of a long-term replacement currently in the department. During the next 5 years, Jedrusik will be actively training his replacement, officials said. A city the size of Westland is required by State Act 78 of 1935 to hire the police chief from within the department.

Both deputy chiefs in the department are also nearing retirement and should Jedrusik leave now, the city could potentially hire three to four chiefs in the department in a short period of time, officials said, which is not conducive to responsible management practices.

Jeff Jedrusik

Police seeking identification of trailer theft suspects

Westland police are attempting to identify two persons of interest in a theft of a black dual axle "PJ" trailer.

Two men were seen at the site of the new Cleavers Meat/Deli, which is not yet open, located at 28762 Warren Road at about 10 p.m. June 22, police said. The subjects were seen at the location and shortly thereafter one of the men leaves the location with the stolen trailer.

One man is described as white, in his late 20s or early 30s. He is about 5-feet, 6-inches to 5-feet, 8-inches tall and has an average build. The man has a mustache and a short beard, and may possibly have a small tattoo on his left wrist, police said.

The second man is also a white male in his late 20s to early 30s and is about 5-feet, 8-inches to 5-feet, 10-inches tall. He has a thin mustache, and an average build, according to police.

The vehicle, driven by the first man, is described as a light-colored, possibly light brown 1999-2002 GMC Sierra 1500 crew cab with a sunroof.

The second vehicle, driven by the second man, is described by police as a white 200, two-door Toyota Camry.

Anyone able to identify the subjects shown in these photos, or who has any information regarding this incident, is asked to contact the Westland detective bureau at (734) 467-9367.

Wayne police chief's performance commended by council

Members of the Wayne City Council unanimously agreed to a letter of commendation for Police Chief Ryan Strong during their meeting last month.

The request for the commendation was presented to the council members by City Manger Lisa Nocerini who said she had received the letter recommending the honor from police Lt. Finley Carter.

"I could not agree more," Nocerini said of the praise Carter directed at Strong's leadership and decision making particularly during the pandemic in the City of Wayne.

"I strongly support these accolades."

Finley detailed Strong's conduct during the pandemic noting that he took action immediately at the beginning of the reports of the virus.

"The chief was diligent in obtaining personal protection equipment not only for his own department but for others," Carter said in his letter. "The chief was assertive in setting up testing and swift in decision making," he said.

> *Chief Strong is a great asset and we are very lucky to have him. I hear nothing but great things about his leadership.*

Strong's innovative approach to providing mental health training for officers and others in effective ways to handle the effects of quarantine and other aspects of the COVID-19 epidemic were also lauded.

"This doesn't include all the reports we do, all the information that we gather," Nocerini said. "That is led by the chief. It does not take into account the meetings, the endless meetings," she said. "The chief is fantastic to work with," she told the council members.

Mayor John Rhaesa agreed noting that "Chief Strong is a great asset and we are very lucky to have him. I hear nothing but great things about his leadership."

The letter of commendation for Strong's exemplary performance was unanimously supported by the council members.

Wayne Public Library Plaza Pickup service is now available

Wayne Public Library Director Jody Wolak had some good news for city officials and residents recently.

Wolak told members of the Wayne City Council that the library would begin opening again for public use in phases, ensuring the safety of users and staff members with each service returned for public use.

"We're going to follow all safety recommendations," Wolak told members of the Wayne City Council at their June 16 virtual meeting. "The building remains closed but we are beginning what we are calling Plaza Pickup. Users can place a hold on items through the library website or by phone and a staff member will contact them to set up an appointment at the Veteran' Plaza doorway for them to pick them up," she said. The library hours are currently between noon and 5 p.m. from Tuesday through Saturday and staff is available to answer questions, she said. She reminded the council, too, that the library also offered several virtual programs and that there is staff on hand to answer questions should residents have a problem downloading ebooks or other materials.

"I want to thank everyone for their understanding during this time," she said. "We are safely starting these plaza pickups."

Councilman Kevin Dowd inquired as to the current procedure for returns and Wolak said that items can be returned to the library any time using the outdoor boxes. "We are not charging any overdue fees yet," she said, "so items can be returned at your convenience."

The new Plaza Pickup program at the library is available at the Veteran's Plaza doorway to the facility.

Mayor John Rheaea asked if borrowed materials were being returned and Wolak explained that a great deal of material is being returned currently. "We do quarantine all the material for three days," she said, "but there still is a lot out there."

Residents can contact the library during regular hours at (734) 721-7832 or http://wayne.lib.mi.us/.

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59. Auctions

The Following Vehicles Have Been Deemed Abandoned

By Huron Township Police and Will Be Sold At Public Auction

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12:00 P.M.
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2002 CHEVROLET
1G1NE52J32M670592
2006 PONTIAC
2CKDL73F366089332
2014 DODGE
2C3CDYAGXEH247545
2004 CHEVROLET
2G1WX12KX49442086
1999 OLDSMOBILE
1G3NK52T6XC358426
1997 PLYMOUTH
2P4GP4431VR390332
2005 DODGE
1D4GP45R35B270850

Copart has vehicles up for public auction Tuesday 7/14/20 at 10 AM at www.copart.com:

2007 JEP COMMANDER
1J8HG48K17C663932
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CANTON - PLYMOUTH

Schools of Choice enrollment now open in Plymouth-Canton

Members of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education recently approved new deadlines for Schools of Choice applications.

The Schools of Choice program allows students from outside the school district to attend Plymouth Canton schools. The new resolution will allow a maximum enrollment of 200 students in kindergarten through 10th grade for the 2020-21 school year, according to a prepared statement from the district.

For the fourth consecutive year, the district will enroll students through the school of choice provisions in Section 105 and 105c, which means that families from Wayne County and all surrounding counties (Washtenaw, Macomb, Oakland, Monroe) are welcome to apply. This is the second application round for the district this year, following the application process that took place in March and April.

The online School of Choice application window will be open from Thursday, June 18 to Friday, July 17 and can be found at www.pccsk12.com beginning at midnight, June 18. All applications will be considered after the July 17 deadline; the application window closes at 11:59 p.m. EST on that day. The actual number of School of Choice students enrolled into the Plymouth Canton community Schools from outside the district will depend on availability.

> *Applicants who are siblings of current Plymouth Canton School of Choice students will be given sibling preference.*

Applicants who are siblings of current Plymouth Canton School of Choice students will be given sibling preference according to state law, as long as the applicant is a student entering kindergarten through 10th grade for the 2020-21 school year. As in all previous School of Choice programs, this addition will not displace any current resident Plymouth Canton students, according to the statement from the school district.

More details and important dates regarding the application process for both the intra-district process and the limited School of Choice program for non-resident families will be available in the near future at the official Plymouth-Canton Schools website found at www.pccsk12.com, as well as all of the district social media outlets.

Village Arts Factory project awarded honor by state preservation network

The Partnership for Arts & Humanities in Canton Township recently received the 2020 Government/Institution Award from the Michigan Historic Preservation Network.

The award was granted for the work of the group on the rehabilitation and revitalization of the Cherry Hill Ford Factory complex, located in Cherry Hill Village.

The Partnership for the Arts & Humanities is a small nonprofit that took on a very big challenge in the Cherry Hill Village. What is now known as the Village Arts Factory started as a dilapidated industrial warehouse.

The ramshackle building was once the site of Henry Ford's final, most unique and least publicized industry. Unlike other village-based industries Ford operated, he dedicated this one to providing employment and residence opportunities to disabled veterans of World War II.

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Officials at the Partnership made a commitment, in rehabilitating the property, to remain true to the roots and history of the site. The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund will be occupying the old veterans' dormitory, which serves as an urban retreat/residence for veterans struggling to maintain housing and employment.

Beyond that, the Village Arts Factory will provide residents with access to a wide variety of artistic experiences, many of which have benefits in treating Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, officials said.

The group members are still seeking a tenant for the two-story, 6,400-square-foot Ford Factory. With the unique architectural structure, the factory sits on a highly visible corner in a walkable historic village. It would be ideal as an inventor design space, an education satellite for arts and skilled trades or as a manufacturing training facility, officials said.

The Arts Warehouse features 18 various-sized studios, of which 15 are currently leased. It also features a community room and future gallery. It gives professional and aspiring visual artists an indoor and outdoor place, where they can produce, display and sell their creations. Adult and youth physical fitness facilities were recently added to this 17,500-square-foot warehouse, which means that activities will also include personal and community health/wellness options.

"The Village Arts Factory will encourage the development of innovative thinkers, entrepreneurs and future leaders, while simultaneously highlighting an assortment of creations on scenic grounds," said Jill Engel, executive director of the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities. "It will promote hands-on art education, multicultural experiences and heritage tourism. It will also be an inclusive regional gathering place for people to participate, connect, heal, thrive and unite."

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Belleville - Romulus

One more time
Belleville resident wins 2nd Lottery Powerball jackpot

Luck struck a second time for a Belleville man who won $250,000 from the Michigan Lottery playing Powerball online.

Thomas McIntyre, 65, matched four of the white balls and the Powerball - 01-33-35-40-69 and PB: 24 - in the April 22 drawing to win a $50,000 prize. Thanks to the Powerplay, his prize was multiplied by five for a $250,000 prize. He bought his winning ticket online at MichiganLottery.com.

The is McIntyre's second big Powerball win. In October 2019, McIntyre won a $100,000 prize playing Powerball online.

"You never really expect to win a huge Lottery prize, winning for a second time is truly unbelievable," said McIntyre. "Just like when I won in October, the first person I shared the news with was my mom.

"The timing was so good. I found out I won $250,000 the day before my birthday and the day before I was set to retire. This will make my retirement so much more enjoyable and take a lot of stress away."

McIntyre visited Lottery headquarters to claim his prize. He plans to invest his winnings.

Powerball plays may be purchased for $2 each at Lottery retailers across the state and online at MichiganLottery.com. A "Power Play" option that multiplies non-jackpot prizes by up to 10 times to a maximum of $2 million may be added to any Powerball play for only $1.

The Powerball drawing takes place at 10:59 p.m. on Wednesday and Saturday and may be watched live online at: http://www.powerball.com. Powerball tickets are sold in 45 states, Washington D.C., U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.

About 97 cents of every dollar spent on Lottery tickets is returned to the state in the form of contributions to the state School Aid Fund, prizes to players and commissions to vendors and retailers. In the 2019 fiscal year, the Lottery provided more than $1 billion for Michigan's public schools, its fifth record contribution in a row. Since it began in 1972, the Lottery has contributed more than $23 billion to support public education in Michigan. For additional information, follow the Michigan Lottery on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and online at www.michiganlottery.com.

Thomas McIntyre of Belleville won his second Powerball prize in April, the day before his birthday and the day before he planned to retire.

County confirms 13 cases of COVID-19 in Romulus businesses

Thirteen cases of COVID-19 in two Romulus businesses have been confirmed by the Wayne County Public Health Division.

The department announced Sunday that 12 cases of the virus are connected to the Playhouse Club employees or patrons and another positive case is an employee of Checkers restaurant in Romulus.

The Wayne County communicable disease team recently completed a case investigation and tracing for the confirmed cases in Romulus. Those testing positive have been instructed to self-isolate for 14 days and until their next COVID-19 test shows no sign of the disease.

> *It is imperative all people who visited these two establishments during the exposure window call and cooperate with our communicable disease team.*

Anyone who visited or worked at the Playhouse Club between June 17 and July 1, or worked at or patronized the Romulus Checkers between June 27 and July 4, should contact the Wayne County Health Division at (734) 727-7078, officials urged.

"It is imperative all people who visited these two establishments during the exposure window call and cooperate with our communicable disease team so that we can understand the extent of the outbreak," said Carol Austerberry, Wayne County Public Health Officer.

Patrons of either establishment who were potentially exposed between these dates and are symptomatic or non-symptomatic are encouraged to call the Wayne County Health Division to report their contact, get tested by a healthcare provider as soon as possible, and self-quarantine at home.

"We understand that it is difficult to refrain from gathering with friends and family," said Austerberry. "But if you must, please follow some simple precautions to limit the spread of COVID-19. Stay 6-feet apart, avoid large gatherings, wash your hands with soap and water frequently, and stay home if you are not feeling well."

For more information and updates on the Wayne County COVID-19 response visit www.waynecounty.com or call (734) 287-7870.

Help wanted

Jo Ann Gardner, above, is looking for some volunteers to help install the Butterfly Garden that is being added at Banatoi Park/Sherwood Pond in Sumpter Township this week. Today and tomorrow, July 9 and 10, volunteers are need to spread soil to start a pathway around the garden area. On Saturday, July 11, various foliage and plants will be put in the ground and donations of plantings are welcome. Organizers said there will be multiple activities for those of all ages include meeting new friends, playing in dirt (remembering our youth), spreading soil, planting plants, weed whacking, putting weed paper down, spreading wood chips, donating clean gallon milk jugs with water, throwing seeds in the wild garden area, making mud rock puddles, record keeping of activities and volunteers along with suggestions. To volunteer, email Gardner at balclionjo@comcast.net or call (248) 390-9233. Gardner said she would be at Sherwood Pond most of the day through July 10. She said she is also working on getting the butterfly garden certified as a Monarch Waystation. "If you are a kid like me and like watching dump trucks dump dirt, let me know. We will have a 20 to 30 minutes notification and I will call you as soon as I know. Cleaning up trash at the park would be appreciated. Bring a bag and pick up trash," Gardner said.

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